GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Generic Medicines
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to encourage the use of generic medicines in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is running any programme for the sellers of generic medicines and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of medical stores opened in Uttar Pradesh under the above scheme, location-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) In order to encourage the use of generic medicines, a countrywide campaign for ensuring availability of quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all, in the name of 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana' (PMBJP), has been started. As on date, there are 762 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras' (PMBJK) under PMBJP functioning over 26 States/UTs in the country.
In order to encourage doctors to prescribe generic medicines, the Medical Council of India has amended the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 on 08.10.2016 to provide a new para 1.5 regarding use of generic names of drugs which provides as under:
"Every physician should prescribe drugs with generic names legibly and preferably in capital letters and he/she shall ensure that there is a rational prescription and use of drugs."
(b) Yes. For opening PMBJKs in Government Hospitals / Medical College premises, one-time financial assistance upto Rs. 2.50 lakh is provided as per the details given below:
(i) Rs. 1 lakh reimbursement of furniture and fixtures.
(ii) Rs. 1 lakh by way of free medicines in the beginning.
(iii) Rs. 0.50 lakh as reimbursement for computer, internet, printer, scanner, etc.
For PMBJKs run by private entrepreneurs / pharmacists / NGOs / NGOs & Charitable organizations that are linked with BPPI headquarters through internet (using BPPI provided software) will get incentive upto 2.5 lakhs. This will be given @ 15% of monthly sales subject to a ceiling of Rs 10,000/ per month upto total limit of 2.5 lakhs. In NE states, and naxal affected areas, tribal areas, the rate of incentive will be 15% and subject to monthly ceiling of Rs. 15,000/- upto total limit of 2.5 lakhs.
(c) The location-wise details of 106 PMBJKs opened in Uttar Pradesh is attached at Annexure.

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